

## SITUATION REPORT NO. 10

INCIDENT NO. 2002-007

DATE: January 28, 2002

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Train Derailment – A large anhydrous ammonia plume enveloped significant portions of the Minot area when a 112-car train derailed on Friday, January 18.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: All hospitalized patients have been discharged from Trinity Medical Center in Minot. To date, 437 people have sought treatment, and one fatality has occurred.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The Salvation Army provided 250 meals and issued vouchers to displaced families for four nights of lodging and for 15 meals.  
The Ward County Emergency Manager reported 205 people have obtained crisis counseling from the American Red Cross.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: First District Health Unit and the N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH) produced a video featuring health information related to the recent anhydrous ammonia incident. The video is available for viewing on the department's website ([www.health.state.nd.us](http://www.health.state.nd.us)) and will be broadcast in the Minot area on Community Access Television (Channel 19). The video details immediate and future health effects of exposure to anhydrous ammonia, medical and environmental surveillance, and mental health resources available to the public. In addition, concerns about food, drinking water, housecleaning and household pets are addressed.

Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail) will close its claims center at the Dakota Square Mall in Minot at 5:00 p.m. today. A claims phone center, (701) 838-9452, will be established after 5:00 p.m.

NDDoH personnel developed an air monitoring work plan that outlines all air testing and reporting requirements. The firm, contracted by CP Rail to conduct air-monitoring activities, must adhere to the established requirements.

Cleanup workers completed offloading anhydrous ammonia from rail cars located in the staging area. Excavation work is now underway on the south side of the track. Crews are transporting contaminated soil and urea in tarp-covered trucks to a hazardous materials landfill site at Sawyer, approximately 15 miles southeast of Minot. The transported soil is topped with Zeolite, a neutralizing agent, and clay. Officials are monitoring air quality along the truck route.

The Ward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will remain open through Friday, February 1, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

On January 26, the Ward County Commission issued a disaster declaration to access local emergency funds if needed to meet local short-term response and recovery costs.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state and local emergency operations plans have been implemented.

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